

EAGLETON SCIENCE AND POLITICS WORKSHOP

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ABOUT THE EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

The Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University explores state and national politics through research, education, and public service, linking the study of politics with its day-to-day practice. Florence Peshine Eagleton, a suffragist and founder of New Jersey's League of Women Voters, made the bequest that established the Institute in 1956.

The Institute focuses attention on how contemporary political systems work, how they change, and how they might work better. Eagleton's faculty, centers and programs specialize in the study of: state legislatures and the state executive; public opinion polling and survey research; women's political participation; minority and immigrant political behavior; campaigns, elections and political parties; ethics; science and politics – policy and career intersections; youth civic engagement and political participation; and New Jersey politics. Eagleton offers education programs including an undergraduate certificate, graduate fellowships, research assistantships and internships, and opportunities to interact with political practitioners.

ABOUT THE EAGLETON SCIENCE AND POLITICS WORKSHOP:

The Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop (ESPW), a collaborative initiative among several partners, serves aspiring scientists and social scientists, including both graduate students and post-docs. Established in 2015, it enables participants to explore intersections between science and politics in order to increase their understanding of how politics affects their disciplines and how they can effectively engage with political and policymaking institutions – including through careers in public service. In three annual sessions, ESPW highlights the need for improvements in communication between scientists and non-scientists and for expanding the pool of scientifically trained graduates interested in public service careers.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

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